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SUBJECT: CODEL ROSENTHAL/FRASER

REF: STATE 68634

1) CODEL ROSENTHAL/FRASER ARRIVED IN MUNICH APRIL 12, 1975

ANDEPARTED APRIL 16, 1975 EN ROUTE TO PARIS.

2) OFFICIAL PROGRAM FOR CODEL WAS ARRANGED BY EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND CONSISTED OF SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WORLD PROBLEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO EUROPEANS AND AMERICANS, INCLUDING POLITICAL AND DEFENSE QUESTIONS; ECONOMIC QUESTIONS; DISCUSSION OF MULTINATIONAL OIL CORPORATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PRESENT ENERGY SITUATION; IMPLICATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE UNITED STATES OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN GREECE, TURKEY, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN; AND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AND TRADE PROBLEMS (INCLUDING AGRICULTURE). FSO JOHN DOHERTY OF THE U.S. MISSION TO THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY ACCOMPANIED THE DELEGATION TO THE OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS AND WILL BE REPORTING ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS DIRECT FROM BRUSSELS.

3) A HIGH POINT OF THE DELEGATION'S ACTIVITIES WAS A MEETING WITH CSU CHAIRMAN FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 14. STRAUSS HAD SPECIFIED THAT ONLY ACTUAL MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION SHOULD BE PRESENT, SO THAT NEITHER DOHERTY NOR ANY MEMBER OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL ATTENDED.

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HOWEVER, FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE CODEL

AFTERWARDS, IT WAS LEARNED THAT STRAUSS ADDRESSED HIMSELF ALMOST ENTIRELY TO INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS, PRINCIPALLY STRESSING HIS OFT-ARTICULATED VIEW THAT BEST HOPE FOR PEACE IN EUROPE (AND BY EXTENSION IN WORLD) WAS DELIBERATE ASSUMPTION OF LEADERSHIP IN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY BY FRANCE AND GERMANY, PROVIDING STRONG NUCLEUS AROUND WHICH THE "WEAKER" NATIONS OF EUROPE AND NATO (BRITAIN, ITALY, PORTUGAL, GREECE AND TURKEY) COULD GROUP THEMSELVES; FRANCE WAS HIGHLY QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE "DIPLOMATIC AND INTELLECTUAL" LEADERSHIP OF SUCH A GROUPING, WHILE GERMANY'S ECONOMIC AND POTENTIAL MILITARY MIGHT WOULD FURNISH THE SINEWS; SUCH A GROUPING WOULD PROVIDE A VALID BALANCING MASS IN EUROPE AND WOULD MAKE EUROPE FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

4) ALL MEETINGS AND SOCIAL OCCASIONS IN WHICH THE CODEL WAS INVOLVED TOOK PLACE IN A WARM ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP AND RECOGNITION OF MUTUAL SELF-INTEREST. CODEL ATTENDED RECEPTIONS HOSTED BY MINISTER PRESIDENT GOPPEL AND CONSUL GENERAL SPIVACK, DINNER BY MUNICH OBERBUEHRERMEISTER KRONAWETTER, AND DINNER AND LUNCHEON GIVEN BY EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PIERRE-BERNARD COUSTE. MEETINGS OF JOINT AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS WERE HELD IN THE MAXIMILIANEUM, OFFICIAL SEAT OF THE BAVARIAN LANDTAG, WITH LANDTAG PRESIDENT HANAUER AS NOMINAL HOST. SPIVACK

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